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Letter dated 18 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 14 April 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union on relations between Peru and Ecuador.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 82 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

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Statement issued on 14 April 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union on Peru/Ecuador relations

The European Union welcomes the fact that the Governments of Peru and Ecuador will meet on 15 April 1997 in Brasilia to begin substantive talks on their differences in relation to the border dispute between the two countries. It notes that this meeting, originally scheduled for 20 December 1996, had to be postponed owing to unforeseen circumstances in both countries.

The European Union attaches great importance to the meeting in Brasilia and consider it a historic opportunity to build further on the agreements of Quito and Santiago of February and November 1996, respectively. It expresses its conviction that the meeting in Brasilia will lay solid foundations for a definitive settlement of the dispute and the establishment of an enduring peace between Ecuador and Peru.